

Appl. No. 10/067,146

Reply to Notice Regarding Drawings dated December 11, 2006

Reply dated December 29, 2006

Drawing Amendments

Please replace the original drawings with the enclosed replacement drawing sheets. The replacement drawing sheets correct the non-compliant aspects of the original drawings regarding the numbers, letters and reference characters of FIG. 2, as indicated in the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review dated December 11, 2006.

Remarks

This Reply provides a new set of replacement figures for the above-identified patent application. Specifically, FIG. 2 is of better quality, so that FIG. 2B is visible. Applicants note that FIG. 2B shows essentially no staining, and as such very little is visible in the figure. Additionally, FIG. 2A is a micrograph of stained cells, and cannot be reproduced with any greater clarity. The 'poor line quality' cited in the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review cannot be improved due to the nature of the matter being reproduced.

It is thus believed that the enclosed amendment to the drawing figures bring the instant application into full compliance with all requirements for issuance. Accordingly, issuance of the patent is respectfully requested.

It is also believed that no payment is required with this submission. If there are any unanticipated fees required to maintain pendency of this application, those fees can be withdrawn from Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted

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